

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. Application No. 09/857,104

Attorney Docket No. Q63519
Art Unit 2817

REMARKS

Claims 8, 18, 22-27 and 29 remain in the application. Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 22-27 and 29, and the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 8 and 18. With claims 8 and 18 now rewritten in independent form, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance.

Submitted herewith are proposed corrections to the drawings with changes marked in red as requested by the examiner.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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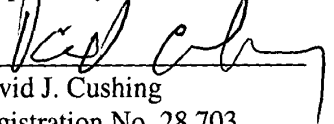


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